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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A clip for retaining an accessory with at least one hole therethrough on an edge of an automobile member having first and second opposed sides comprising:

a block portion adapted to be located adjacent said edge on said first side of said automobile member, and having [an aperture] first and second intersecting apertures extending thereinto in first and second non-aligned directions respectively;

a jaw portion adapted to engage said block portion at said second aperture and said second side of said automobile member;

a plug member adapted to extend through said hole and be seated within said first aperture; and,

a fastener adapted to project along said second aperture and across said first aperture to mate with said plug member for urging said jaw portion toward said block portion [for gripping] to grip said edge therebetween [to] and retain said clip on said edge, and [for engaging said plug member] to fix said plug member in said block portion and thereby secure said accessory to said block portion and said automobile member.

2. (new) The clip of claim 1 wherein said first and second apertures intersect orthogonally.

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3. (new) The clip of claim 1 wherein said block portion further includes stop means to aid in proper location of said block portion at said edge of said automobile member.

4. (new) The clip of claim 3 wherein said stop means comprises an elongate planar nose portion extending from said block portion adapted to engage said edge.

5. (new) The clip of claim 1 wherein said fastener is adapted to thread into said second aperture and said plug member.

6. (new) A clip for retaining an accessory with at least one hole therethrough on an edge of an automobile member having first and second opposed sides comprising:

a block portion adapted to be located adjacent said edge on said first side of said automobile member, and having a first aperture extending thereinto in a first direction ;

a jaw portion adapted to engage said block portion and said second side of said automobile member;

a plug member adapted to extend through said hole and be received within said first aperture; and,

a fastener adapted to project through said block portion in a second direction orthogonally to said first direction and mate with said plug member for urging said jaw portion toward said block portion to grip said edge therebetween and retain said clip on said edge, and to fix said plug member in said block

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portion and thereby secure said accessory to said block portion and said automobile member.

7. (new) The clip of claim 6 wherein said block portion further includes an elongate nose portion to aid in proper location of said block portion at said edge.

8. (new) A clip for retaining an accessory with at least one hole therethrough on an edge of an automobile member having first and second opposed sides comprising:

a block portion adapted to be located adjacent said edge on said first side of said automobile member, and having a first aperture extending thereinto in a first direction from a first face toward a second face of said block portion ;

a jaw portion adapted to engage said block portion on a third face of said block portion and said second side of said automobile member;

a plug member adapted to extend through said hole and be received within said first aperture; and,

a fastener adapted to project from said third face of said block portion thereinto across said first aperture and mate with said plug member .

9. (new) The clip of claim 8 wherein said fastener projects in a second direction orthogonally to said first direction.

10. (new) The clip of claim 8 wherein said block portion further includes an elongate nose portion to act as a stop for locating said block portion at said edge.

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11. (new) A clip for retaining an accessory with at least one hole therethrough on an edge of an automobile member having first and second opposed sides comprising:

a block member adapted to be located adjacent said edge on said first side of said automobile member, and having an a block aperture extending thereinto;

an L-shaped jaw having a first arm with a jaw aperture therethrough adapted to engage said block member, and a second arm joined to said first arm adapted to engage said second side of said automobile member;

a plug member adapted to extend through said hole and be seated within said block aperture; and,

a fastener for extending through said jaw aperture and into said block member to urge said first arm in a first direction toward said block member into engagement therewith and said second arm in a second direction toward said block member into clamping engagement with said second side of said automobile member.

12. (new) The clip of claim 11 wherein said fastener engages said plug member generally orthogonally thereto to fix said plug member in said block member.

13. (new) The clip of claim 11 wherein said first arm is oriented generally perpendicular to said second arm.

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14. (new) The clip of claim 13 wherein said second arm is bowed so that a distal end thereof engages said second side of said automobile member away from said edge.

15. (new) The clip of claim 11 wherein said block portion further includes an elongate nose portion for locating said block member at said edge.

16. (new) A clip for retaining an accessory with at least one hole therethrough on an edge of a structure comprising:

a block portion having an aperture extending thereinto;

a jaw portion adapted to engage said block portion and said structure;

a plug member having a shaft portion with an elongate slot therein and adapted to extend through said hole and be received within said aperture; and,

a fastener for urging said jaw portion toward said block portion for gripping said edge therebetween to retain said clip on said edge, and for engaging said slot to fix said plug member in said block portion and thereby secure said accessory to said block portion and said structure.

17. (new) The clip of claim 16 wherein said aperture of said block portion and said shaft of said plug member have complimentary profiles to align said slot with said fastener when said plug member is seated within said aperture.

18. (new) The clip of claim 17 wherein said profiles are elliptical.

19. (new) The clip of claim 16 wherein said fastener engages said slot generally orthogonally to said shaft portion of said plug member.

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20. (new) The clip of claim 16 wherein said block portion has a nose portion for aiding in proper location of said block portion relative to said edge.